

June 23, 2017

Samuel Sanchez Vice President of Operations Cherokee Telephone Company 403 N Service Road Calera, OK 74730

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT:

Connect America Fund; High Cost Universal Service Support IN WC DOCKET NOS. 14-58, 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please find attached with this letter a request for confidential treatment for portions of information submitted with our company Form 481. Contemporaneously, we are filing a copy of the redacted Form 481, with redacted attachments, via ECFS. This information has also been filed with our state commission and electronically submitted, and certified, with the Universal Service Administration Company. If you have any questions or concerns with the attachments, please contact Charles Curtis at Charles.curtis@contaegis.com or by phone at 252-514-2203.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sanchez

Cc: file

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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j	WC Docket No. 10-90
j	WC Docket No. 07-135
j	WC Docket No. 11-42
)	WC Docket No. 05-337
)	WC Docket No. 03-109
)	WC Docket No. 14-58
)	CC Docket No. 01-92
)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	GN Docket No. 09-51
)	WT Docket No. 10-208

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Atlas Telephone Company ("Filer") requests that the portions of its Form 481 pertaining to its Five Year Plan in the Service Quality Improvement Reporting, its Tribal Land Offerings documentation and its Rate of Return Additional Documentation (RUS Annual Report) be granted confidential, non-public treatment pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Sections 0.457, 0.459, and related provisions of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), including 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(4) ("Exemption 4"). Form 481 contains information regarding the Filer's capital expenditure budgets, detailed network information, corporate affiliations, strategic service offerings with Tribal Governments as well as sensitive financial information filed in the Rate of Return Documentation. Release of such information would supply its competition sensitive commercial information that would undermine its ability to serve its customers effectively. Such information is not customarily disclosed to the public or made available within the telecommunications industry. Therefore, the Filer requests confidentiality of these respective portions of its Form 481 filing be granted. Support for the Filer's request for confidential treatment pursuant to FCC rules in Section 0.459(b) is provided as follows:

I. FILER'S FORM 481 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 0.459 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

The material the Filer seeks confidentiality qualifies for the requirements outlined in Section 0.459 if the FCC's rules. As will be demonstrated, the Filer has satisfied all the elements of this section, concluding that disclosure of this information would be harmful to the Filer.

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought. The Filer requests confidential treatment for the portions of the Form 481 required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2) and (4). The Form bears the legend "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NO.'S 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKETS 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION." The specific

- information considered confidential include: 1) Tribal Land Offerings documentation (900) and 2) ROR Additional Documentation which represents financial reports for calendar year 2016 (3005).
- (2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission. The information is required to be produced annually in accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a). The proceedings are WC Docket No. 10-90 and WC Docket No. 11-42.
- (3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged. The information requested for confidential treatment is information not customarily released to the public. Release of this information would have the effect of substantial harm to the competitive position of the Filer.
- (4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition. All of the services provided by the Filer are subject to competition.
- (5) **Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm**. Identification of network details could enable wrongdoers the ability to compromise network reliability to customers. In addition, competitive entities in the Filer's area would have access to sensitive network, strategic and financial details that would hamper the Filer's ability to effectively compete.
- (6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure. The information filed is not customarily released to the public or publically made available within the telecommunications industry. The information is also only released within internal circulation, including its attorneys, consultants and engineers, held to confidentiality agreements. The request as well as the associated documents subject to it, are filed both paper copy as well as electronically.
- (7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties. None of the information requesting confidential treatment is available to the public and have not been disclosed to parties unless those parties are engaged to perform services for the Filer, under non-disclosure.
- (8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure. Due to the fact that the nature of the information being filed is sensitive in terms of competitive and public safety concerns, the Filer requests that confidential treatment be granted indefinitely.

II. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the Filer requests that the portions of Form 481 relating to those particular items listed in I.1, above, be treated as confidential under the Commission's rules and precedent and withheld from public inspection and that any distribution of them within the Commission should be limited, in

accordance with the reasons stated for confidential request. In the case where any person, party or entity wishes to access any of this information, the Filer requests immediate notification so it can have the opportunity to oppose the request or consider any other action it deems necessary to protect both its network, strategic and financial interests and the interest of the customers it continues to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel Sanchez Vice President of Operations Cherokee Telephone Company 403 N Service Road Calera, OK 74730

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FCC For	m 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	431979	
<015>	Study Area Name	CHEROKEE TEL CO	
<020>	Program Year	2018	
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2525142203 ext.2	
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	stephanie@contaegis.com	
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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<300> U	Infulfilled service request (voice)				
<310>	Detail on attempts (voice)				
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	Nam	e of Attached Document		
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)	N	lame of Attached Document		

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prio calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service i the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designate an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro	otection rules Yes	
		431979ok510.pdf	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	ules Compliance	
<515> (Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards		

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	431979ok610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Cherokee Telephone Company	
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable	
<812>	Operating Company	Cherokee Telephone Company	

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	Yes	
910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation		

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

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-	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting lection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps

(1200) Te	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481
Lifeline			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Data Coll	ection Form		July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	stephanie@contaegis.com	
<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans		
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			Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website		
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"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

Data Coll	ice Cap Carrier Additional Documentation ection Form Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4	
<2023>	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only. The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	

(2005) Price Cap	Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481	
Data Collection F	orm	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
Including Rate-of-	Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013	
Price Ca	p Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}		
<2016>	Certification support used to build broadband		
Connect	America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}		
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?		
<2017C>	Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.		
<2018>	Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)		

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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	July 2013

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan				
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}				
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Do	cument List	ing Required	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Communit	y Anchors		
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Do	cument List	ing Reauired	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)			
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)			
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:				
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)				
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Doo Information	cument List	ing Required	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line	(Yes/No)	0	0	
(3019)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:				
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.				
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Do	cument List	ing Required	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

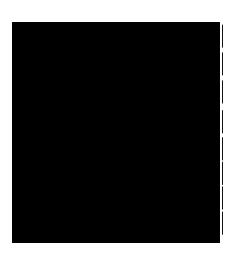
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions - FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

A003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

	ion - Reporting Carrier ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> stephanie@contaegis.com

Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Signature of Authorized Officer: Date Printed name of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Telephone number of Authorized Officer: Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: Filling Due Date for this form: Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfetiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment

	tion - Agent / Carrier lection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Jenny Young-Sanchez</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respons agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data prov	is authorized to submit the information reported on be ibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements ided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: Jenny Young-Sanchez		
Name of Reporting Carrier: CHEROKEE TEL CO		
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/30/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Jenny Young-Sanchez		
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President		
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5804345375 ext.		
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 431979	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier					
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.					
Name of Reporting Carrier: CHEROKEE TEL CO					
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: Jenny Your	ıg-Sanchez				
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/30/2017					
lame of Authorized Agent Employee: Jenny Young-Sanchez					
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Presi	dent				
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 580	4345375 ext.				
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 431979 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017					
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.					

Attachments

	0) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data ta Collection Form Collection Form Collection Form DMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013								3 Control No. 3060-0819
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mhns)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
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Cherokee Telephone Company

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Response to Line 510 – Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules



Cherokee Telephone Company

Study Area Code: 431979

Response to Line 610 – Ability to Function in Emergency Situations for Voice and Broadband



¹ Section 54.202(a)(2)



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December 15, 2015

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sanchez Vice President

Cherokee Telephone Company

Study Area Code: 431979

Response to Line 1010 – Voice Services Rate Comparability



LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE SERVICE

A. Applicability

- 1. Lifeline Service is a telecommunications service assistance program designed to provide eligible residential customers with a credit to be applied to the price of basic local exchange service.
- 2. Eligible customers will receive a credit as set forth in Section IV. Lifeline Credits below, to be applied to their basic local exchange access service.
- Customers shall not receive more than one Lifeline credit regardless
 of the number of residential access lines or locations the customer
 receives service within the State of Oklahoma.
- 4. All charges, either recurring or nonrecurring, for any service or feature other than Lifeline Service shall be billed at the tariffed rate.
- 5. Lifeline Service shall not be available on a retroactive basis.
- B. Designated Services Available to Lifeline Customers (1)

The following services shall be offered to eligible Lifeline customers:

- 1. Single Party Service
- 2. Local Usage
- 3. Touch Tone Services
- 4. Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
- 5. Access to Emergency Services
- Access to Operator Services
- 7. Access to Interexchange Services
- 8. Access to Directory Assistance
- 9. Availability of Toll Restriction at No Charge (2)

C. Eligibility Requirements

- 1. Customers or applicants seeking a Lifeline service credit must provide documentation to the Company establishing that the customer or applicant meets one or more of the following eligibility requirements prior to receiving the Lifeline service credit.
- (1) Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges
 (2) Eligible customers accepting toll restriction services shall not be required to pay a deposit

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- C. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)
 - a. The applicant or customer must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Medicaid, Food Stamps, federal public housing, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, or Supplemental Security Income.

 Additionally, persons who are eligible recipients of income assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation (including Aid to the Hearing Impaired) are also eligible for the Lifeline Service credit; or
 - Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation services, under programs providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired; or
 - c. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, section 5011 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
 - d. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependant unless over sixty years of age.
- 2. The eligibility requirements listed above will be certified to by the applicant or the applicable state agency. The Company assumes no responsibility for the certification of customers or applicants eligibility.
- 3. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will begin providing the credit.
- 4. Lifeline customers are required to provide documentation for the purpose of determining their continuing eligibility for the Lifeline credit, upon request of the Company, no less frequently than annually.
- 5. The Lifeline service credit will be discontinued for customers who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline Service credit.

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D. Lifeline Credits

	<u>!</u>	Monthly Credit (1)
1)	federal subscriber line charge credit	(2)	
2)	initial federal credit to residential access line	\$1.75	
3)	initial state credit to residential access line	\$1.17	
4)	additional federal credit to residential access line	(3) \$0.58	

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(1) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$2.50 after application of the Lifeline credits.

Lifeline Service has been certified by the FCC, therefore, eligible Lifeline customers will appropriate waiver of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) as specified by the FCC.

(3) Half of the amount specified on line 3, not to exceed \$1.75.

DIRECTOR OF Effective: 12-19-2001

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E. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands AT

- 1. The applicant or customer seeking to obtain Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands (see definition in 2.a. below) must demonstrate their current participation in at least one of the following assistance programs. The Applicant or customer shall complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an authorization and self certification form provided by the Company. The Applicant or customer must check all of the following that apply.
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a a. Food Stamps)
 - b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) c.
 - Medical Assistance (Medicaid/Soonercare) d.

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- Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired) e.
- f. Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief
- Federal Public Housing Assistance g.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program h.
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") i. AT
- 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines AT j.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; (1) k.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-1. administered block grant programs; (2)
- Head Start Programs (only applicant or customer who satisfy the m. income qualifying eligibility provision); or
- National School Lunch Program (only applicant or customer n. who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals).
- 2. The applicant or customer must also certify:
 - Residence on Tribal Lands as described in Title 25, Code of Federal a. Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v).
 - Agreement to notify Company if applicant or customer no longer b. participates in the program or programs described in paragraph 1, above, for which the Applicant or Customer certified their participation in.
 - The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, c. unless the applicant is over the age of 60.
- 3. Upon receipt of the completed self certification, Company will begin providing the credit set forth in F. below. Lifeline credits will not be implemented or continued unless telephone service arrangements are and remain, within the Lifeline Sovice criteria specified above.

Applicant must "have sufficient resources to meet the basic and special needs defined by the Roreau Standard of assistance," 25 C.F.R. § 20.21.
42 U.S.C. § 612 and 45 C.F.R. § 286. (1)

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- 4. The Lifeline credits will be discontinued upon receipt by the Company of notice by the Customer that they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline credits.
- 5. The Lifeline credits will be automatically discontinued unless the customer annually certifies they continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Lifeline credits. All such annual re-self certifications must be submitted to the Company within the time frames determined by the Company.
- Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates 6. once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charge will apply for this change in service.

Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands F.

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Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands has been established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), therefore eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate credits, depending on the programs the customer participates in, as specified by the FCC in its Twelfth Report and Order entered into in CC Docket No. 96-45 and as set forth below:

1. If a customer indicates eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief Act (68 O.S.§5011, et seq.), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

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	Monthly Credit ⁽¹⁾	
Federal Lifeline Credit:	\$9.25	CR
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit	\$1.17	CR

Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 (See footnote (2) below)

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F. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands (Continued) DT

2. If a customer indicates his eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as only one or more of the following: Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally administered block grant programs, Head Start Programs (only those meeting its income qualifying eligibility provision), 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or National School Lunch Program (only Applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

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Monthly Credit (3)

Federal Lifeline Credit:

\$9.25

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Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 (See footnote (4) below)

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Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate less \$1.00. In ministance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.

Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction of the Lifeline Credits. (3)

will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.

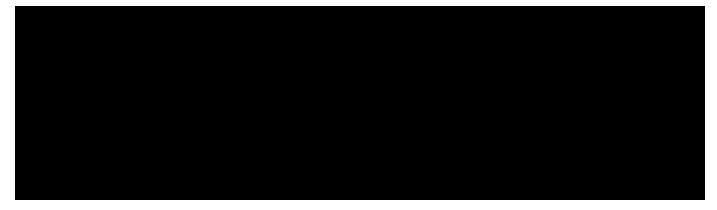
Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in its Twelfth Report and Order entered in CC Docket No. 96-45. (4)

Response to Line 3010b

Cherokee Telephone Company

Study Area 431979

Milestone Certification



According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential. BORROWER NAME **OPERATING REPORT FOR** Cherokee Telephone Company **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS** INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. PERIOD ENDING BORROWER DESIGNATION December, 2016 For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only. OK0549

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

D COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

		PART	A. BALANCE SHEET		
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current MatCapital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
, , ,			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

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OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS

BORROWER DESIGNATION

OK0549

PERIOD ENDING

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

TIER [(31+26) / 26] 48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44] December, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAI	NED EARNINGS OR MARGINS	
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
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Ending Cash

December, 2016

	PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES
2.	Net Income
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities
3.	Add: Depreciation
4.	Add: Amortization
5.	Other (Explain)
	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired
22.	Other (Explain) Other adjustments to RE
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences
27.	Other (Explain) Other adjustments to RE
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash

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